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SUBJECT: CONTINUED TURKISH MEDIA REACTION TO AID CUTOFF

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1. TURKISH RACTION TO THE CUT-OFF OF U.S. MILITARY AID REMAINED INTENSE IN THE MEDIA FRIDAY, (FEB. 7). EVEN IN THE ABSENCE OF IMPORTANT NEW DEVELOPMENTS, MAJOR DAILIES USED BANNER HEADLINES TO REPORT STATEMENTS BY TURKISH PUBLIC FIGURES ON THE CUT-OFF. (SEE SEPTELS). RADIO AND TELEVISION NEWS BROADCASTS CONTINUED TO GIVE THE SUBJECT TOP PLAY. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S COMMENTS THURSDAY ON THE AID CUT-OFF WERE PROMINENTLY REPORTED IN NEWS PROGRAMS THURSDAY NIGHT AND FRIDAY MORNING.

2. EDITORIAL COMMENT ALSO REMAINED INTENSE AND ANGRY. SENSATIONALIST GUNAYDIN IN AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL DECLARED THAT, DESPITE

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ITS OPPOSITION TO THE CUT-OFF, THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION, BY IMPLEMENTING CONGRESS'S DECISION, MUST SHARE THE BLAME. LEFT-WING CUMHURİYET'S COLUMNIST ALI SIRMEN, ECHOING THE PAPER'S CONTINUING LINE, ASSERTED THAT SUSPENDING BI-LATERAL MILITARY COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES WAS NOT ENOUGH. "NATO MEANS THE UNITED STATES. TO REMAIN IN NATO WHILE TAKING COUNTER-MEASURES AGAINST THE U.S. IS NOTHING BUT A REPETITION OF THE ERROR COMMITTED BY GREECE."

3. IN A SHARPLY-WORDED COMMENTARY, YASAR AYSEV, EDITOR OF BARIS, THE UNOFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY, DECLARED, "WE MUST SHOW THEM (THE UNITED STATES) THEY WILL PAY DEARLY FOR THIS IRRESPONSIBLE MORE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE GREEKS. THIS MEANS EVACUATION OF AMERICAN BASES IN OUR COUNTRY. DEPORTATION OF ALL AMERICANS, BOTH CIVILIANS AND MILITARY, OTHER THAN THEIR DIPLOMATS AND EMBASSY PERSONNEL, FROM TURKEY IS A MUST."

4. IN PRHAPS THE DAY'S MOST MODRATE EDITORIAL, ABDI IPEKCI, EDITOR OF MILLİYET, VIEWED WITH APPROVAL PRESIDENT FORD'S EFFORTS TO RESTORE AID. BUT IPEKCI WARNED, "IF THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN, THE EXPECTED DAMAGE CANNOT BE REPAIRED. THE U.S. CONGRESS WHILE DETERMINING ITS PREFERENCE SHOULD NOT FORGET THAT THIS WILL BE ITS LAST CHANCE."

5. MILLİYET AMPLIFIED IPEKCI'S COMMENTARY WITH A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL CARTOON SHOWING A DEMONSTRATING YOUTH CARRYING AN ANTI-AMERICAN PLACARD AND REGARDING AN UNCLE SAM FIGURE CARRYING A BAG LABELLED "AID". THE CAPTION READ "WOW, YOU'VE DONE IN ONE DAY WHAT I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO IN YEARS."
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